

**THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF CARROLLTON
MAY 6, 2002**

MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting	The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 6, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the Public Safety Complex, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pilgrim.
Roll Call	<p>There were present:</p> <p>Mayor Gerald Pilgrim Councilmember Gerald Byrd Councilmember Henry Dickerson Councilmember Rusty Gray Councilmember J. Carl Williamson, Jr.</p> <p>There were absent: None</p>
Invocation	The Invocation was offered by Mayor Pilgrim.
Minutes	The minutes of the meeting of April 15, 2002 were approved as previously circulated on a motion by Councilmember Williamson and seconded by Councilmember Dickerson.
Proclamation-Law Enforce.	The Mayor and Council approved a Proclamation designating Thursday, May 16, 2002 as <i>“Law Enforcement Appreciation Day”</i> .
Annexation/Rezoning	Ms. Tiffany Willard’s request for annexation/rezoning at 107 Highway 113 was tabled until a subsequent meeting at the petitioner’s request on a motion by Councilmember Williamson and seconded by Councilmember Dickerson.
Annexation/Rezoning Request	<p>Carroll County Board of Commissioners’ request to annex <u>74.98</u> acres located on Newnan Road and Stripling Chapel Road with a R-20 zoning classification was unanimously approved on a motion by Councilmember Dickerson and seconded by Councilmember Williamson. City Manager Danny Mabry advised that this is property donated to the County by Southwire Company for greenspace.</p> <p>The annexation was unanimously approved with the following conditions:</p> <p>1). A thirty foot buffer abutting residential property be maintained 2). Entrance to the property will be off Stripling Chapel Road.</p>
Furnishings - Cultural Arts	Mr. Wayne Gay, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Departments, Ms. Delores Covell, and representatives of the Carroll Cultural Arts Alliance, requested the City’s assistance in acquiring

Center

funds for furnishing and equipping the Cultural Arts Center.

City Manager Danny Mabry pointed out that an available source of funding could be the remaining funds which were saved on the East Carrollton Gymnastics/Multi-Purpose facility. The project was completed for \$150,000 less than the Guaranteed Maximum Price of the Construction Manager. The Mayor and Council previously allocated approximately \$46,000 of that savings to provide furnishings for the Gymnastics/Multi-Purpose facility.

Councilmember Byrd inquired about furnishings for the West Carrollton Recreation Center. Mr. Gay estimated it would take \$35,000-\$40,000 to furnish this facility.

Following a lengthy discussion, Councilmember Dickerson made a motion for a division of the remaining \$100,000 SPLOST funds surplus to be split 70-30 (70% for Cultural Arts Center and 30% for West Carrollton Recreation Center) pro-rated based on identified needs. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Williamson and unanimously carried.

Project
Manager -
CAFI -
(CDBG)

At the Council Meeting of March 4, 2002, the City authorized the submission of a Community Development Block Grant application on behalf of the Community Action for Improvement (CAFI) agency to construct a new Head Start facility. If the grant is approved for funding CAFI will be responsible for its administration.

The City requested statements of qualifications and proposals to assist with the development and implementation of the contract for planning, design and administrative and other related services.

Three management proposals to administer the Community Development Block Grant were submitted. CAFI recommended the firm of Bob Roberson & Associates be selected to administer the grant. They advised that they have an extensive track record of managing CDBG grant projects and have built at least two Head Start Centers for Southwest Georgia Community Action Agency in South Georgia.

After careful consideration, the firm of Bob Roberson and Associates was selected on a motion by Councilmember Byrd and seconded by Councilmember Gray.

Bids -
Timber
Harvesting

City Manager Mabry said that bids were received on April 2, 2002 for approximately 197.55 acres of timber on the City's Land Application Site. Coosa Forestry Services, Inc., a professional forestry firm, assisted in preparing the bid package and reviewed the bids on behalf of the City. The firm completed a timber cruise on the land application site and identified 12,083.6 tons of timber.

Four bids were received and presented as follows:

McIntyre Lumber Co., Inc.	\$166,358.34
Wolf Creek Timber Co.	\$156,879.28
Bristol Timber Co.	\$139,019.73
Tallapoosa River Forest Products, Inc.	\$130,371.66

On a motion by Councilmember Dickerson and seconded by Councilmember Gray, the high bid of McIntyre Lumber Company, Inc. was unanimously accepted.

Crop
Selection
Proposals

City Manager Mabry advised that in 1999 the City Sewerage Treatment facility converted from the agronomic disposal of sludge through subsurface injection at the plow site to mechanical dewatering of sludge by belt press and landfill disposal. The City was required to prepare the establishment of an approved crop on the site for review by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.

After the conversion, the City planted pine seedlings on the site. However, due to the drought the seedlings were lost and have not been replaced because of the prevailing drought conditions.

Once again EPD has directed the City to move forward with this project.

City Manager Mabry said a possible alternative to the pine seedlings is Coastal Bermuda. In order to compare this option, a Request for Proposals to establish Coastal Bermuda on the site was issued and duly advertised. One response was received from Brad Cole Construction Company. Mr. Cole subsequently presented an alternative proposal for a ten-year agreement to plant Coastal Bermuda at the plow site and continue to harvest hay at the spray site, and to pay the City \$1,000 annually and share 25% of the harvest.

Councilmember Dickerson recused himself from voting on this issue due to a conflict of interest.

On a motion by Councilmember Williamson and seconded by Councilmember Byrd, Brad Cole's proposal was accepted. Councilmember Gray voted in opposition to the proposal.

Lake Carroll
Spillway

City Manager Mabry advised that in a routine inspection of Lake Carroll Spillway, it was noted that cracks are occurring in the channel section of the concrete spillway and voids have developed under some areas of the chute spillway. He said while these problems present no immediate danger, they need to be addressed soon.

City staff asked Mr. Dan McGill, P. E., of Schnabel Engineering Associates, Inc. to inspect the spillway and offer his recommendations. Mr. Mabry said Mr. McGill is recognized as the preeminent designer of dam/spillway structures in the Southeast and has designed a majority of such structures in Georgia.

Mr. McGill recommended that the City consider the construction of a new spillway, given both the relative costs compared to repairs and the opportunity to make certain improvements that would enhance the lake's utility as an emergency reservoir.

Mr. Mabry said the staff needs direction as to whether or not to repair the existing spillway or construct a new one.

On a motion by Councilmember Williamson and seconded by Councilmember Gray, the Mayor and Council voted unanimously to proceed with plans to replace the spillway.

Bids -
TEA 21
Downtown
Streetscape

Sealed bids were received on April 19, 2002 for TEA 21 Downtown Streetscape Project (based on conceptual plans approved by the Mayor and Council at their December 3, 2001 meeting). The following two bids were received:

<u>Valley Crest:</u> Based Bid	\$ 746,347.61
Alternate 1 – Parking A	\$ 89,001.64
Alternate 2 – Parking B	\$ 28,065.95
Alternate 3 – Parking C	\$ 194,471.37
Mast Arms	<u>\$ 9,459.68</u>
Total based bid & alternates	\$1,067,346.25
<u>Bankhead Contracting, Inc.:</u> Based Bid	\$ 947,231.41
Alternate 1 – Parking A	\$ 110,959.51
Alternate 2 – Parking B	\$ 19,161.45
Alternate 3 – Parking C	\$ 131,070.02
Mast Arms	<u>\$ 82,460.00</u>
Total based bid & alternates	\$1,290,882.39

On a motion by Councilmember Williamson and seconded by Councilmember Dickerson, the low bid of Valley Crest was accepted.

Utility
Installation
Policy

On a motion by Councilmember Williamson and seconded by Councilmember Gray, the Mayor and Council approved "*Utility Accommodate Policy Standards*". City Manager Mabry said this is very close to the existing GA DOT (Department of Transportation) language with only minor modifications.

Cafeteria
Plan

Proposals for the installation and administration of a cafeteria plan premium only account were reviewed.

City Manager Mabry said the premium only account will allow employees to pay their share of group health and dental insurance premiums on a pre-tax basis, reducing their taxable income by the premium amount. This will result in an increase to employees' net take home pay without any additional cost to the City.

On a motion by Councilmember Dickerson and seconded by Councilmember Gray, the proposal of AmeriComp Benefits, Inc. was unanimously accepted.

Appointments

Councilmember Gray suggested appointing Dr. Peter Balega to serve as Ex-Officio Non-Voting member to the Carroll County Water Authority to replace former Councilmember George Ward.

Councilmember Gray asked City Attorney Wiggins to see what the bill establishing the by-laws of this board provides as it pertains to terms of office for Ex-Officio members.

Walking

Mrs. Byrd of Burson Avenue, inquired as to who is responsible for maintaining the walking track

Trail	behind the Carrollton Presbyterian Church. She said the track has debris and trash scattered on it. City Manager Mabry said the Carrollton Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts maintains it and that he will pass the word along to them.
Adjournment	There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Min. May 6, 2002